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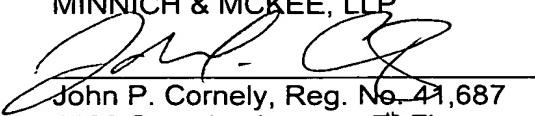
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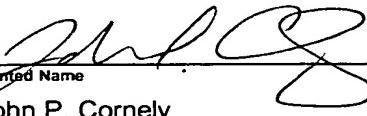
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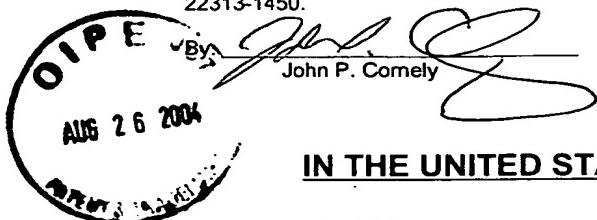
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AMENDMENT A

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed March 24, 2004, on the above-referenced patent application, Applicant(s) respectfully request reconsideration of the application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.